Remarks

In response to the Office Action mailed December 30, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims. To further prosecution of this application, Applicant submits the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-32 are currently active in the application. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Narurkar, et al. (US 6,339,795). Claims 21-32 have been added. Support for the new claims exists throughout the Application; as examples, support for claims 21 and 22 may be found in Fig. 3 in elements 306 and 308 of the Application and accompanying text; support for claim 23 on page 5, lines 25-27; support for claim 24 in the procedure of Fig. 1, support for claims 25-29 between page 6, line 25 and page 7, line 4, support for claims 30-31 on page 5, lines 23-27, and support for claim 32 on page 6, lines 30-31.

We discuss rejected independent claims 1, 11, and 17, which, as amended, are shown below to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 11, and 17 are allowable over the art of record.

Claim 1 has been amended to additionally require using a tool bar associated with a Web browser, where the toolbar contains one or more indicators of types of Web-based information. The user selects the type indicator on the toolbar corresponding to the type of the Web-based information on a Web page viewable in the Web browser. A transfer request is created in response to the selection of the indicator type. Support for the amendments may be found in original claims 7 and 10, in Fig. 3, and on page 6, lines 24-28 of the Application.

Narurkar et al. describe a data exchange process for transferring data representing a geographical address from a source host to a destination host. As noted in its Abstract, this reference teaches automatically discriminating the type of information that is transferred if the information type is not tagged beforehand, whereas the claims herein are directed to a completely different approach that removes the need for such automatic discrimination. In Narurkar et al., the data is first converted from a source data format to an intermediate data format. If the data is plain text without tags, the data is parsed and tags assigned before conversion to a destination format. (See Narurkar et al. Abstract.) Narurkar et al. describe a "tool bar [that] includes: a "source icon" representing a source data host from which data is to be exported … and a plurality of possible destination icons representing destination hosts which may be selected to receive data exported from the source host." (See Narurkar et al. column 12, lines 59-66.) Although the Narurkar toolbar contains icons, none of the icons indicates the type of information because the reference expects the information type to be determined automatically. (See Narurkar, et al. column 17, lines 28-35.) In contrast, the method as defined by pending claims relies on the user to identify the information type, and, when the type is identified, the destination is defined automatically.

Claim 1, as amended, requires a user to identify the type of information by selecting the appropriate indicator on a toolbar. Selection of the type indicator creates a transfer request of the selected Web-based information. In contrast, selection of the pair of Narurkar et al. icons merely identifies the source and destination hosts of the information to be transferred. For plain-text information without tags associated with information type, Narurkar et al. describe a parsing process that results in tags identifying

the type of information. (See Narurkar et al., column 17, lines 28-35.) Claim 1 does not require the identification procedures described in Narurkar et al. (See Narurkar et al., column 17, line 36 to column 28, line 30.)

For at least the above reasons, claim 1 is allowable over the cited art. Further, dependent claims 3-6, 8-9, and 21-23 are allowable for at least the same reasons where claims 3, 5-6, and 8-9 have been trivially amended to reflect proper dependency and/or requirement of "Web-based information" instead of "a set of Web-based information".

As the second element of claim 11 has been amended to require "an indicator of the information type, included in the toolbar...", claim 11 is allowable over the cited art for the same reasons as presented above in connection with claim 1. Dependent claims 12-16, of which claims 13-16 were trivially amended from "a set of Web-based information" to "Web-based information", are allowable for at least the same reasons.

As the second element of claim 17 has been amended to require "program code for creating a transfer request, in response to a selection of information type...", claim 17 is allowable over the cited art for the same reasons presented above in connection with claim 1.
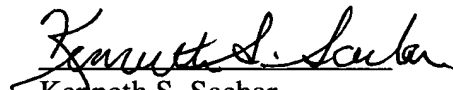
Dependent claims 19 and 20 have been amended to specify the type of information associated with contact information and an event, contact information type and calendar information type, respectively, as well as being trivially amended from "a set of Web-based information" to "Web-based information". Support for these amendments may be found on page 6, lines 24-28 of the Application. Dependent claims 19 and 20 are allowable over the cited art for at least the same reasons as presented above for claim 17.

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New Claims

New claim 24 and claims dependant there from are similar to claim 1 and its dependant claims, and are directed to a method for transferring Web-based information to a personal information management system. They are well supported in the Application, and, for example, in Fig. 1 and between page 4, line 12 and page 5, line 27.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is now in condition for allowance, and a notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after these amendments, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the Applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

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